

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4805
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INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONES IN WEST BENGAL
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several district telecom authorities have not been able to install telephones in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the telephones are likely to be installed in all the districts of West Bengal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a) No, Sir. All Telecom Districts in West Bengal have provided new telephone connections during the year 2002-03
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The wait listed persons as on 31.3.2003 are 1.52 lakhs. These are likely to be provided telephone connections by 31.3.2004, subject to availability of resources.